

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARK A. RUPPELT,

Defendant.

Case No. 20-CR-15-JPS

**ORDER**

On January 24, 2020, an information was filed against Defendant, charging him with three counts of wire fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343. (Docket #1). That same day, the parties filed a plea agreement indicating that Defendant had agreed to plead guilty to the crimes charged in the information. (Docket #2). On February 13, 2020, Defendant waived his right to prosecution by indictment. (Docket #7).

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph on February 13, 2020 to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. (Docket #5). Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to the charges in the information. *Id.* After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Joseph determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offenses charged were supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offenses. (Docket #6 at 1).

Magistrate Judge Joseph filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted; (2) a presentence investigation report be prepared; and (3) Defendant be

adjudicated guilty and have a sentence imposed accordingly. *Id.* Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. *Id.* at 2. To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Joseph's recommendation and, having received no objection thereto, will adopt it.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph's Report and Recommendation (Docket #6) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



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J. P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Judge